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FOLLOWING REPEAT COPENHAGEN 0455 ACTION SECSTATE 20 JAN

QUOTE: S E C R E T COPENHAGEN 0455

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EO 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: TSPA, NATO

SUBJ: RE-ENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE, COSMOS 954

REF: STATE 13681

1. ON JANUARY 19 I CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO  
MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN. LATER THAT  
DAY HE INFORMED ME THAT PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HAD BEEN APPRISED.

2. THIS MORNING, JANUARY 20, JORGENSEN CALLED ME OVER TO  
SAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
OUR OFFER TO ASK QUESTIONS WHICH FOLLOW:

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(A) IS THE ELECTRICITY IN COSMOS 954 DELIVERED FROM A  
PU-238 SOURCE OR FROM A FISSION DEVICE?

(B) WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED OUTPUT IN KW AND KWH?

(C) WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TOTAL SIZE OF THE SATELLITE  
AND ITS NUCLEAR POWER SOURCE, AND WHAT WOULD BE THE  
ESTIMATED SIZE OF FRAGMENTS IMPACTING IN THE EVENT  
THAT THE POWER SOURCE DID NOT DISASSEMBLE AND BURN

UPON RE-ENTRY? CAN YOU GIVE ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE POWER SOURCE OR FRAGMENTS OF IT?

(D) CAN THE U.S. MONITOR WHETHER THE SATELLITE IS BURNED UPON RE-ENTRY?

(E) IF NOT, HOW PRECISELY CAN THE LANDING TIME AND LANDING SITE BE PREDICTED?

(F) FROM THE INFORMATION RECEIVED, WE ASSUME THAT THE SATELLITE IS NOT CARRYING A NUCLEAR WEAPON, BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS ASSUMPTION CONFIRMED.

3. JORGENSEN SAID THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A REPLY TO QUESTIONS (C) AND (F).

4. IN CONCLUSION, JORGENSEN ADDED THAT THE DANES ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO THESE KINDS OF ACCIDENTS SINCE SOMETHING LIKE IT OCCURED IN THE LATE 60S IN GREENLAND.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE NIACT IMMEDIATE REPLY SO THAT INFORMATION CAN BE DELIVERED OVER WEEKEND.

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UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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